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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER APPEAL****Via Facsimile 571-273-3763****Mail Stop Amendment****Commissioner for Patents****P.O. Box 1450****Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's telephonic response of July 24, 2006 to the Appeal Brief filed on June 19, 2006, please review the proposed amendments to the claims in the above-identified application.

**Proposed Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of the Proposed Amendment.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 6 of the Proposed Amendment.

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